

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, **THIRD** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Friday, January 10, 2020 10:00 AM**

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated Chapter 19, Article 2, Section 18 in due and regular session with open doors. Commissioner Tom Moody served as the presiding officer. Commissioners Bruce Blair and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance. County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board. Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (20-016) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 7, 2020** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 20	12	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 3, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	13	To approve the Contractor's Application for Payment No. 1 from Heck & Wicker, Inc via Earle's Engineering & Inspection for Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project in the amount of \$149,066.29 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	14	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:15 AM

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Motion 20	15	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Don Pyle and to reconvene by 11:26 AM
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-017) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:20 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:05 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:14 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Ed Fields, Noxious Weed Director, addressed the Commissioners with an update on his department. He handed out a brief description of the projects his department has been working on. Mr. Fields stated that he and County Counselor Jim Emerson have been working on doing an overall burn on the old landfill. He explained what will need to be done for the burn, what equipment will be needed and the time frame to get the work done. He stated that he is trying to get the land back to an agricultural state. There was a discussion on repairs to the Courthouse lawn. He also discussed an approximate amount of \$5,000 carryover in the Noxious Weed Fund that was put into the equipment fund to purchase an ATV for his department. His stated that the current ATV he has is over 10 years old. Mr. Fields handed out quotes from Kirby's Super Sports from Chanute and Jay Hatfield Motorsports from Frontenac on a 2020 Kawasaki Mule. He went through the quotes with the Commissioners and there was a discussion on the trade in differences. Commissioner Moody asked about Mr. Fields decision on the brand of ATV and Mr. Fields stated that the warranty on a Kawasaki is 3 years and the warranty on a Polaris is 1 year and also that the Kawasaki has a metal bed.

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The Commissioners discussed purchasing local. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Fields speak with Jay Hatfield again about the trade in price on the old ATV as they would like to purchase local if they can come within a certain price range. Mr. Fields stated that he should have all the funds in his budget to pay for the ATV. Mr. Fields discussed some weeds that will be listed as noxious weeds in the next year.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report. Mr. Emerson stated that this is the 2nd quarter for the months of October, November and December

On motion (20-018) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$6,295.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented an Equipment Lease with Purchase Option between GNBANK NA and Board of Commissioners for three 2020 Ford F150's for the Crawford County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Emerson stated that GNBANK was the low bidder and the vehicles are in and ready to be picked up.

On motion (20-019) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Equipment Lease with Purchase Option between GNBANK NA and Board of Commissioners, Crawford County Kansas in the amount of \$101,637.39 for 36 months at 2.3% interest for three 2020 Ford F150's for the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson addressed transferring a parcel of land to Community Health. He stated that the land is approximately 2.6 acres and is just west of the current Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas located in North Pittsburg.

On motion (20-020) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the County Warranty Deed transferring land from Crawford County, Kansas

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to the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas Inc and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson discussed the benefits for the position of Executive Administrator of Health, Mental Health and Restorative Justice Authority. Mr. Emerson handed out a letter to the Board of County Commissioners from Mr. Michael Ehling that outlines and documents the Full Time Compensation and Benefits for his position.

On motion (20-021) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the letter outlining, documenting and clarifying the Full-Time Compensation & Benefits for the Executive Administrator of Health, Mental Health and Restorative Justice Authority.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair addressed the hydraulic boom for the new truck for the Sign Department. Mr. Moody stated that he spoke to Mr. Jim Payne from Payne's Inc and Mr. Payne stated that the old boom is obsolete and over 20 years old and he can no longer get parts for it. There was a discussion on repairing the old one versus purchasing a new one. Mr. Moody stated the cost of a new hydraulic boom is approximately \$36,000. The Commissioners decided to have Mr. Mike Peak from the sign department check into a new hydraulic boom and the Commissioners will readdress this issue at a future meeting.

Item Six: Commissioner Johnson reported on a meeting he had yesterday morning with City of Pittsburg Director of Public Utilities Mr. Matt Bacon and Representative Monica Murnan on flood plain issues. He stated that the State of Kansas is updating the flood plain maps. He explained that Mr. Bacon and Representative Murnan are going to address the issues at the state level and see if there are funds available for local studies. Mr. Moody stated that the National Guard cleared some creek bottoms in the County from the aftermath of flooding in the early 1990s. The Commissioners discussed different areas in the county that have issues with flooding. Commissioner Johnson stated that the state is having statewide meetings on the flood plains that the new Zoning Administrator should attend. The Commissioners will readdress this issue when more information is available. Mr. Johnson stated that in the same meeting Crawford County Sewer District # 2 was addressed and Ms. May Smith from the Zoning Office and Mr. Coby Hinton, County Certified Waste Water Operator were in attendance at this meeting to discuss issues with this sewer district. He explained that Mr. Bacon had a lot of information on the problems with the district usage. He stated that this issue will be looked into further and he will report back when more information is available.

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Item Seven: Commissioner Johnson reported on the Recycling Center Board meeting he attended the evening of January 9, 2020. He stated that the year end budget report was presented with an approximate loss of \$31,000 and projected next year to be a similar loss. Mr. Johnson stated that fund raising opportunities were discussed. The Commissioners discussed the shredding services for the county at the current time. Mr. Johnson discussed a solid waste plan update being done by the Solid Waste Committee and the board stated that they would like representation from the County on that committee. The Commissioners decided to appoint Commissioner Johnson to the Crawford County Solid Waste Committee.

On motion (20-022) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to appoint Commissioner Jeremy Johnson to the Crawford County Solid Waste Committee. Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Johnson stated that the bulk item drop off was also discussed in the meeting and that the City of Pittsburg currently has a bulk item drop off program and discussed having a county- wide bulk item drop off program. Mr. Moody requested that Mr. Emerson check with County Sanitarian Bill Towery on a tire pick up program through the state and maybe add in a bulk item drop off as well. Commissioner Blair requested that Mr. Emerson check with Mr. Towery on the SEK Humane Society work.

Item Eight: Commissioner Johnson discussed having department heads give updates to the Commissioners. The other Commissioners agreed to have department heads contacted to give updates in a regular commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Commissioner Blair addressed the landfill contract and Mr. Emerson stated that the County's attorneys will be here Tuesday to address this in an Executive Session. Mr. Blair also addressed Triad Engineering working with the County on the proposed wind farm in the western part of the County and Mr. Emerson stated been in contact with Triad about this issue.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody stated that he went to the Freeto Building and that the pad for the salt shed has been poured and 90% of the dirt work has been done and that a lot of progress is being made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

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On motion (20-023) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:29 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:14 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:29 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-024) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:45 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 14, 2010 – 8:30 AM Work Session to review and sign January 2020 Mid-month bills and payroll vouchers.

Item Two: January 17, 2020 – 9:00 AM Work Session for Strategic Planning for Road & Bridge Department.

Item Three: January 17, 2020 – Crawford County Board of Commissioners Reorganization Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [January 10, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:47 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed my official seal and submitted these minutes for the approval of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners.

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 1/10/2020 11:47 AM/amended BKW 1/13/2020 1:00 PM](#)